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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Attention: Office of Special Program Examination, Crystal Park One, Suite 605, Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231 08-29-1993.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Attention: Office of Special Program Examination
Crystal Park One - Suite 605
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is desired to cite for the record in this application the enclosed articles and U.S. patents listed on the attached copy of PTO Form #1449. The paragraph(s) marked below are applicable to this Information Disclosure Statement.

[] (1) The enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date or within three months of the entry of the national stage of the above identified application. Accordingly, applicant(s) believe that no fee or certification is required.

[X] (1a) Applicant(s) believe the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement is entitled to the benefit of 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, applicant(s) believe that no fee or certification is required.

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(d)

[] (2) Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(d), applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner to consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) state that the issue fee has not been paid and that a certification under 37 CFR §1.97(e) is provided herein, along with the petition fee of \$130.00 required under 37 CFR §1.17(i)(1).

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1)

[] (3) The undersigned hereby certifies that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application mailed not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(e)(2)

[] (4) The undersigned hereby certifies that no item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual having a duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

[] (5) The information disclosure fee of \$200.00 required by 37 CFR §1.17(p) is believed to be due and is enclosed herewith.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement is not a representation by the undersigned as to personal knowledge of the contents of every word or phrase of the material enclosed or that reliance on other suitably trained professionals has not been made.

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Applicant is submitting this Information Disclosure Statement at the present time to insure that no fees are incurred in the filing thereof. This action is being taken subsequent to a telephone interview on or about October 13, 1993 between Applicant's representative and Andrea Coram who advised Applicant's representative that this Information Disclosure Statement may be filed at the present time and at the above address rather than waiting until a decision was made on the Applicant's Petition filed on July 29, 1993 in response to a Notice of Incomplete Application.

Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be forwarded to the appropriate Examining branch to aid in the examination of this application.

If a search report of a searching agency is enclosed identifying the nature of the relevance of each document, such a designation is deemed to satisfy Rule 98(a)(3) even if in a foreign language, since the few terms of relevance therein are deemed of universal cognizance. However, applicant does not necessarily adopt the position reflected by that report.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any

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Respectfully submitted,

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